

To the Honorable Commissioners of the FCC,

I am writing to you today to comment on Docket No. 02-277, The Biennial Review of the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules. I am voicing my support to retain all the FCC rules in question. These rules set limits on concentration of the broadcast industry and serve the public interest by preserving diversity of ownership in the broadcast marketplace. These rules are; The Television-Radio Cross-Ownership Rule, The Broadcast-Newspaper Cross Ownership Ban, The National Television Ownership Rule, The Duopoly Rule for Radio, The Local Television Ownership Rule, and The Dual Network Rule.

I value the quality of information available to me. I have seen the quality of my news information plummet year after year. I have no doubts that this is caused by anything other than corporate consolidation in the media.

It has become harder and harder to survive the monoculture perpetuated by corporate interests. It has taken me days of research just to find out who owns which papers in my town, let alone which radio and tv stations. When I finally figured out the cross-ownership information, I was (and still am) appalled that such gigantic and destructive proportions are allowed.

The public interest is not served by enabling the few to control what the many receive. I have seen too many news stories misrepresented or under-reported. If there is no competition, then there will be no reason to independently verify information. I have tried in vain to reason with broadcasters who wish to advertise for their owners in the guise of 'news'. I do not want this dire situation to get any worse.

I appreciate your time in reviewing my comments. I sincerely hope that you do not allow another one of America's great assets to be sold out from under the people, to private interests and corporations.

Signed,  
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